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To Kermit S. Nickerson, Commissioner of Education  
Re: Operation of Surplus Property Program

We have your inquiry in regard to the operation of this surplus property program in your department.

Provision for same was made originally by Chapter 144, Res. 1949, and was subsequently amended by Chapter 39, Res. 1951. In brief, you desire to know whether or not the term, "cost of acquisition", includes more than the actual cost of transportation from the federal agency to the surplus property pool.

In our opinion it does. We think the term, "cost of acquisition", as used in Chapter 144, includes all the reasonable and necessary expenses of bringing the property from the federal agency, storing it, and processing same for delivery to eligible State and municipal agencies.

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